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SUBJECT: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SPORTS COMMITTEE VISIT...
ASTRONAUTS

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1. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OUTLINED REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH
AMBASSADOR ELIOT AND DR. MILTON SEPTEMBER 23. BOTH EXPRESS-
ED APPRECIATION FOR DETAILED PLANNING BY EMBASSY AND USIS
KABUL. MILTON DID ASK WHETHER VISIT TO HERAT POSSIBLE AND
IF PARTY COULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY ATTEND BUZKASHI GAME. (FYI
MILTON SEEMED UNCONCERNED OVER FAIZABAD; RECEIVED NON-

COMMITAL REPLY RE HERAT.)

2. AMBASSADOR WILL ACCOMPANY PARTY ON ALL CALLS EXCEPT
BAMIYAN TRIP AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN ALL PUBLIC FUNCTIONS.

3. MILTON ADVISES PROTOCOL ORDER IS AS FOLLOWS: MILTON
(AS PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE), ROOSA (AS COMMITTEE V.P.),
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POGUE, KLINEBERGER, HOFFMAN, AND GIBBONS.

4. MILTON REQUESTS TRUCK MEET GROUP ON ARRIVAL TO TAKE
CHARGE OF PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND GIFTS.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, MILTON NOTED THAT POGUE AND ROOSA WILL NEED SCREEN SPACE FILM IN ADVANCE WITH INTERPRETOR TO ENABLE HIM PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION DURING PUBLIC SHOWINGS. TRANSLATOR WILL BE REQUIRED ALSO TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTER FILMS.

6. MILTON QUESTIONED ABSENCE MR. ETAMADI, HEAD OF AFGHAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, FROM PROGRAM SINCE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE GROUP HAD PLANNED GIVE HIM SOME EQUIPMENT AND HAD HOPED HE WOULD FACILITATE THEIR PRESENTING MEDALS TO LEADING AFGHAN SPORTSMEN. MILTON WILL NEED NAMES AND SPORTS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ASAP.

7. MILTON HAS ALSO LEARNED THERE IS A MILITARY BOXING PROGRAM TO WHICH HE WOULD LIKE PRESENT EQUIPMENT.

8. MILTON TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD LIKE HAVE ALL AMERICAN PRINCIPALS (PARA 3 ABOVE) ATTEND HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTS EMBASSY QUERY AFGHANS TO SEE HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THIS. ROBINSON

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